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ISSUE 11

The way the ODD-EVEN system works is, if after midnight the date is an even number, you may park on the even side of the street. If after midnight the date is an odd number, you may park on the odd side of the street. The even numbers are on the water side along Island Avenue. On all streets going away from Island Avenue, i.e. Central, Brackett, etc., the even side is on the left side of the street.

- Mike Barter

The Peaks Island School Library and the Peaks Island Branch Library are taking the same train for Children's Book Month and we want YOU as a passenger. Our train, which travels the Reading Line, will help you reach the place of celebration and delirious enjoyment in the wonderful world of children's books.

To travel with us, come to either library and check out a children's book. That simple. We will have bookmarks listing the Caldecott (for outstanding pictures) and Newbury (for outstanding words) winners. Children only may take a ticket to put in a drawing for, ...what else..., some fine children's books.

Also in November, Bookland will donate 10 % of the cost of any children's books you purchase to the school or public library you choose.

And check the bulletin boards to see what Peaks Islander Cynthia Jabar is going to offer at her art gallery, called Hinges, at 576A Congress Street in Portland. Cynthia is a children's book illustrator and is planning an art exhibit by other children's book illustrators at the gallery later in November(761-9582).



**THE CITY PAGE**  
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**Ryfield/Seashore Ave. Wastewater Project:**

The preliminary study for this project has been completed and will be presented for approval to the City Council on November 15, 1999. The order, if passed by the Council, will authorize The Portland Water District to proceed with the technical design to construct a sewer extension in the Torrington Point area of Peaks Island. The construction will be put out to bid by the middle of next year. The total project costs is estimated at 2.5 million dollars. The base service area includes one hundred and seventy three housing units. Remember, The Portland Water District maintains a web page and you can find information specific to this project from your home ([www.PWD.org](http://www.PWD.org)).

**P.I. NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS**

At the General Meeting on Oct. 15, Keith Hults, as a representative of the 5th ME Regiment Community Center, made a presentation of the proposed Peaks Island Military Reservation Historic Park & Trail. Along with handouts including a map, Keith explained the purpose as a logical expansion of the WWII programs begun 4 years ago by the 5th ME, and how the program plan would work. He told about plans to produce a brochure with map and a professional cassette tape which will be for rent or for sale, providing a commentary on approximately 15 military sites along the trail which will be marked with small permanent signs. The 5th Maine Center is looking for input from Islanders to help with the historical details, as well as some assistance from the City. P.I.N.A. endorsed the proposal.

P.I.N.A. will sponsor the 3rd Annual Peaks Pumpkin Path for Halloween, 1999 on Sunday, October 31, with a request for carved pumpkins donations late afternoon to line the path leading to the Lions Club Party at Greenwood Gardens. Judy Piawlok will coordinate the event and is looking for volunteer support.

Laurie Cox spoke about the "Asset Builders Project" sponsored by the Portland Public Schools and other Portland businesses and organizations to address the needs of children and teens. There will be community round-table discussions planned during the year, and an advisory community/parent "Connections Council" which had its first meeting on 10/14 in the PI School.

P.I.N.A.'s Committee structure was slightly modified at the last Steering Committee meeting, combining Education with Health & Human Services, and Public Safety with Public Works; Public Relations will no longer be a committee, but a role to be filled by a Steering Committee member - presently Don Perry.

Next meeting: Steering Committee, Tues., November 9, 7:30 PM at the Community Room.

## Lions Club News

After another successful season the Peaks Island Lions Club held it's annual funds distribution and last official meeting of the year on October 25th. At this meeting the members voted to continue their financial support of the following groups and organizations

**On island.** The Lions Club will help support the Peaks Island Little League, Peaks Island Youth Basketball, The Peaks Island Health Center, The Star, Saint Christopher's, Brackett Memorial Church and Cookie Capers

**Off Island** The Lions authorized donations to the Portland Boys and Girls Club, The Ronald McDonald House, The Maine Center for the Blind, The Bruce Roberts Fund, the Salvation Army and the American Cancer Society.

In addition members approved seven (7) \$500.00 collage scholarships to the following island students: **E**an Hoffman – Babson College, Robert Voyer – University of Chicago, Andrew Voyer - Thomas College, **C**hristine Voyer - Cornell University, **M**arisa MacIsaac – Carnegie Mellon University, Elizabeth Mayo – USM, and Anna Courtney – College of the Atlantic.

The Lions Club would like to thank everyone in our island community for their support and we are looking forward to another challenging season next spring



CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAINE  
PEAKS ISLAND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
P.O. Box 7 • 71 Herman Avenue • Peaks Island, Maine 04108-0007  
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**COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP**-Wednesdays, 10:15-11AM..a time for  
Infants/Toddlers/Parents Caregivers to come and enjoy our playspace. Offered on a Drop In  
Basis..no fee or registration involved..**COME AND PLAY! NOVEMBER 3, 10, 17;  
DECEMBER 1,8,15,22.**

**ISLAND EMPLOYMENT!** KITCHEN AIDE: MON-FRIDAY 8-10AM  
CLASSROOM SUBSTITUTES:  
Mondays 12:30-2:30  
Tuesday or Thursday:2-4:30  
ON CALL as Needed  
PLEASE CALL IF INTERESTED

**THANKS** to all who continue to contribute your Bottle Slips at Hannigans Market...the last few months have helped us tremendously! Just put your Bottle credit slip in the jar on the front counter and you'll help to pay for the breakfast and snacks offered to children at the center. Our Food Pantry remains available to anyone..just stop over or give a call..there are no guidelines..simply food available for any who need some extra.

We are looking forward to our annual **STONE SOUP** meal on **Wednesday, November 24.** Our soup stock is truly flavored from a stone and embellished with ingredients that we all bring to share. We'd love to have any of our community friends join us..give us a call and we'll set a place at the table for you.



**November at Peaks Island's Health Center**  
26 Sterling Street      PO Box 52      766-2929

The Center will be closed for Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, and for Thanksgiving, both Thursday and Friday, November 25 - 26.

**Mercy-Maritime Family Practice** : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:30 - 4:30  
Wednesday, 11:30 to 5:00 AND 5:00 to 7:30 by appointment\*

\*Please note that on Wednesdays, anyone wanting an appointment in the evening must phone by 5 PM; otherwise the staff will leave in time to take the 6 PM boat.

**Other Services at the Health Center**

**Dental:** Hygienist: Wednesday, November 3; Dentist: Friday, November 12. Call Robin at Center for Community Dental Health, 874-1025, for an appointment.

**Dr. DeGrinney** will have island office hours Wednesday, November 10. Phone the Health Center (2929) for an appointment.

**Podiatrist:** Dr. Dorsey will be here Wednesday, December 1. Phone 761-3889 for an appointment.

**Activities for Health**

**Note change in times for Low-Impact Aerobics**, using videos, Mondays and Thursdays, 9:30 to 10:30 AM, in the Community Room. **Weight Watchers:** Wednesdays, 6 PM, at St. Christopher's Church. New session starts November 3. Please phone Grace Wright (2635) for information.

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**Casco Bay Health Center Board Notes**

At the annual meeting, Jill Tiffany was elected to the board. Jill served on the board in the "early days" of the health center, and we are fortunate that her recent retirement from the University of Southern Maine School of Nursing faculty gives her time to devote to this interest. Continuing on the board are Pat Ano, Jane Banquer, Janine Blatt, Linda Dillingham, Carol Kinney, Kathy McCarthy, Chuck Radis (Vice President), Ellie Springer (Secretary), Gene Taylor, Kay Taylor (President), Donald Webster (Treasurer), and Priscilla Webster.

Once again, the board would like to express its appreciation to Mercy Hospital, to Christina Mahoney, Family Nurse Practitioner, and to all the people of Peaks Island who, working together, keep our Health Center up and running.

STAR OF THE SEA

STUDIO'S

DEAR PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

WELCOME TO A NEW SEASON OF DANCE. OUR CHRISTMAS SHOW "THOSE FABULOUS YEARS" WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY DEC. 17TH AT RIVERTON AT 6.45pm. ALSO ON PEAKS ISL. SUN. DEC. 5TH. AT 2.30pm. OUR SPRING SHOW IN JUNE, WILL BE "ALICE IN TOPSY TURVY LAND", A FUN MUSICAL IN SONG AND DANCE.

JUST A REMINDER, TUITION IS DUE THE FIRST LESSON OF THE MONTH. \$15 PER MONTH PER STUDENT. \$25 FOR TWO (2) STUDENTS IN THE SAME FAMILY. \$35 FOR THREE (3) OR MORE, ALSO SNOW DAYS -- VACATION HOLIDAYS, NO CLASSES ON HALF DAYS WE WILL HAVE CLASSES.

WE HOPE TO RESUME OUR VISITS TO THE LOCAL NURSING HOMES THIS SEASON. THE BEST TIME FOR ALL IS SUNDAY AFTERNOON. ( 2pm). THIS IS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR THE STUDENTS AND MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE RESIDENTS. ANYONE INTERESTED PLEASE LET DOT OR ME KNOW. HELP US TO BRING A LITTLE LOVE AND JOY TO ALL.

*Green & Co.*



**\*News From the Peaks Island Branch Library\***

129 Island Avenue "in the community building" 766-5540  
Library Hours: Tues: 2-8 Wed: 10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat 8-12 noon

Family Night: In November we are planning "Tastes of Thanksgiving" on Tuesday, November 16, between 6 and 8 PM. If you would like to prepare a Thanksgiving dish for others to sample, please let us know. This is for adults and children, so you could talk over your favorite foods as a family and select one to share. We hope everyone will come, enjoy each other's company, and get ideas for Thanksgiving dinner.

In October, a bumper crop turned out to pot the cuttings of houseplants Jim Lausier brought. Jim, who owns and runs Lausier Family Gardens on Peaks, brought the healthiest and most unusual plants, the soil and pots and provided assistance and labels with the names of these awesome plants. It was such fun! Thanks Jim. We cannot wait until the greenhouses are ready next spring.

Adult Book Discussion Group will read Corelli's Mandolin for the meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 7 PM. Kay Taylor will lead the discussion. The Friends of the Peaks Island Library have purchased two additional copies of the book to make it easier for people to participate. Book Discussion is the first Tuesday of each month. Please join us.

Weekly Children's Programs: Preschool Story Time, Wednesdays at 10:15  
Lapsit and Toddler Time, Saturdays at 10:00

**Friends of the Peaks Island Library**

The Friends of the Peaks Island Library will meet at the library, Tuesday, November 9, at 6:45 PM. The officers and board members welcome participation at meetings from anyone who is interested. The agenda is still "a work in progress," so if there is something you would like to bring up, please call Carol Eisenberg, President, at 3323.

CASCO BAY GARAGE 54 Commercial Street P.O. Box 7525 Portland, Maine 04112 (207) 761-9591

October 21, 1999

Dear Casco Bay Garage Patrons,

Our garage manager, Bun Ross, will be leaving the garage in December. He has invited everyone to stop by and meet his replacement, Jay Newcomb. Jay worked in the garage a few years ago and is now learning Bun's management secrets.

Bun and Jay would like to remind anyone with questions about parking their car for a lengthy period of time to talk with them about where to park, etc. A reminder for everyone to please open vehicle doors with care and be considerate of the customer parked next to you. Thank you to everyone that has called with their new license plate numbers.

We are currently updating the waiting lists for year round parking (over 80 people). Winter parking will begin on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact our office if you are interested in either program. As usual, call or email to update vehicle information, or inquire about current accounts or waiting lists. Our office is open from 7:30 to 4:30, or you can leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Ruth Demers, [ruthd@maine.rr.com](mailto:ruthd@maine.rr.com)  
Casco Bay Garage



*Last Spring, the Peaks Island School Alumni Association and the American Legion each sponsored an essay contest for fifth graders. Following are the winning essays. Molly Radis won a \$300 Savings Bond from the Alumni Association and Chris won a medal and a cash prize from the Legion.*

Peaks Island, the Best of Times  
by Molly Radis

I love my island! I love the salty air that I breathe in and out. I love the wind in my face as I stand atop the boat. I love the clouds in the sky as they drift carelessly by our island. I love the way I feel right now thinking about all the wonderful times I've had on the island.

I remember the first time I jumped off the dock. I was so scared, but yet so excited, and when I finally jumped I felt like I was flying! I remember running through a dandelion covered field, not thinking about anything else but how happy I was to be right where I was. I remember skating at the ice pond, sitting in the shade, smiling at the sunshine, walking in the rain, laying at the beach as carelessly as could be, walking on a sunny day, and swimming in the sea.

When I'm on the island I feel as free as the sea gulls that soar overhead, because here I can go anywhere and my parents won't worry about me. I can play games like Kick the Can or Bounty Hunter at the school with all my friends and I don't have to worry about being home before dark. On the island I feel as happy as the little waves that slap at your feet but never come close enough to make your little toes cold. I love how when I'm angry I can just scream for all the world to hear and beat my chest like King Kong as the wind whips through my hair.

The thing I love most of all about the island is how everyone knows you and how you always feel appreciated and loved, and how everyone finds their own little way to show you they care. When I'm walking down the street I always hear, "Hi," "Hello," "How are you?" and I know how special I really am.

What America Means to Me  
by Ben Richards

Americanism. Webster's Dictionary defines it as loyalty to the traditions, interests or standards of the United States. Long ago, our forefathers put together our Constitution. I am proud of America and proud to be an American because of our Government, our 26 Amendments, and every law, every right, and every freedom we, as the people, were given. Such freedoms are the freedom to think, to vote, to believe, to express our opinions, of speech, and of press.

I am proud of my government because of its abilities to successfully control a nation by using the boundaries of law. The three branches of our government, legislative, executive, and judicial are each bounding, in some way, the people of the United States from doing wrongs, and still giving us the freedom we need and deserve to successfully keep a nation under control. People around the globe are trying to legally and illegally immigrate to this nation because of this.

I am proud of all 26 amendments, freedom of religion and expression, right to bear arms, quartering soldiers, security from unreasonable searches and seizures, rights of due process of law, right to a fair trial, trial by jury, fair bail and punishments, rights retained by the people, and powers reserved for states and people. That is the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments. "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, ensure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of Liberty to our selves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." That's the preamble of the Constitution.

I am wholeheartedly pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. That's the first sentence in the Pledge of Allegiance. I declare that I, as an American, pledge my heart and soul for the United States of America.

## UMBRELLA COVER MUSEUM

The Umbrella Cover Museum be open for holiday viewing on Saturday, December 4 from noon - 5:00. New exhibits will be on display, and the Y2K calendar will be available. The museum is at Tower View, 105 Brackett Ave. Admission is by foreign currency. A \$2.00 U.S. donation is also requested. For more information call Nancy 3. at 766-4496.



### Peaks Island Elementary School

Barbara Hoppin, Principal, conducted the first meeting of the Peaks Island Elementary School *Connections Council* on October 11. This group is made of educators, parents, business partners, community members and organizations. The group will next meet on Tuesday, November 8 at 6:45pm in the school library to discuss community support for the school-wide theme of the *Stewardship of Peaks Island*. If you would like to be a part of the *Connections Council*, please call the school at 766-2528 and come to the meeting.

Thank you to all community members who filled out a Peaks Island School skills and interest survey. We appreciate the time and effort taken to fill out the form and we would like to call on you throughout the year when your expertise compliments the school curriculum.

Heidi Farr's kindergarten class, Wendy Litchfield's first and second grade class and Martha Gross's third and fourth grade class have begun units on Native Americans and the P.T.A. will sponsor a visit by Barry Dana, of the Native Studies Preservation Center, for Wabanaki Arts & Culture, on November 18.

Roberta Deane's fifth grade class will begin units on American History, animals and Pilgrims. They just finished a unit on explorers with parents Curtis Rindlaub speaking about navigation and Garry Fox speaking about Orienteering.

The U.S. Coast Guard, our business partner, chaperoned a trip with K, 1-2 to Apple Acres Orchard. They will take grades 3-4 and 5 on a tour of *The Responder*, their oil spill recovery vessel, on November 12.

Earl McVane, teacher at Cliff Island School, brought his six students to the school on October 19. They participated in gym and music classes and in grade 1-2 classroom activities and they will be coming to Peaks twice a month. Barbara Hoppin is also principal at Cliff.

The P.T.A. aproved the following officers at their meeting on October 5: President – Kim Norton, Vice-President – Susan Carlson, Secretary – Robin Walden and Treasurer – Dorothy Morris. The P.T.A arts committee is planning the following arts programs: Monica Palmes Grabin's *Singing History* program, creative workshops at the Portland Museum of Art, and Berg, Jones & Sarvis a dance and physical theater company. P.T.A.'s summer fundraiser, "Opening Night, One Woman's Carmen" performed by parent, Julie Goell make these programs possible.

Thank you to Officers Clement and Rich of the Portland Police Department at Peaks Island for conducting a bike safety clinic for the students on October 23.

Please help us save Box Tops for Education Logos from General Mills, Betty Crocker, and Yoplait products. The school will receive \$0.10 for each logo, which will be used to support our school wide theme: *Stewardship of Peaks Island*. Collection cans are located in each classroom and at Hannigan's. Thank you for supporting the school.

### \*\*STAR NEWS\*\*

Thank you Bill and Mary Howard and another anonymous donor for contributions toward the printing of the STAR.

DEADLINE for next month's STAR will be Thursday, November 25. Please consider turning in your articles before you put the turkey in the oven as you probably will be too busy afterward and the deadline this time is Thanksgiving Day.



## NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES on PEAKS ISLAND

Sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation

To reserve the Community Room, you must contact Denise (766-2970) at least two days in advance. If Denise is not available, please leave a message at 874-8793 during regular business hours.

### ISLAND HAPPENINGS

**TEEN PROGRAM (Community Center):** Mondays and Wednesdays (6:30 pm)  
Open Gym will be held on November 3 and November 17. Cost per night is \$.50.

**ADULT BASKETBALL (School Gym):** Tuesdays (6:30 pm) / \$2.00 drop-in fee.

**LOW IMPACT AEROBICS (Community Center):** Mondays and Thursdays (9:30 am)  
Please note new days/time! Join the fun (with videos). FMI, call Chris (2929) or Denise (2970)

**CRAFT AFTERNOON w/ the COOKIE CAPERS: Tuesday, November 16 (2:00 – 3:15 pm)**  
A great opportunity to bring joy into the lives of many islanders. Join the "Cookie Capers" in making crafts using mittens/gloves that have lost their mates. Please bring in "lost" mittens.

### OFF-ISLAND TRIPS: OPEN TO ALL ADULTS

Pre-registration required. Sign-up sheets are on the brown door in the Com. Ctr. Phone registrations begin on Nov. 5 (leave message at 766-2970). All trips have a transportation fee.

#### **OLD PORTLAND: Payson Art Gallery**

Wednesday, November 10

12:45 pm boat/no later than 4:30 pm return

A dessert stop will be made before the tour

#### **CRAFT FAIRS/SHOPS**

Friday, November 19

10:00 am boat/3:15 pm return

Deadline to register: November 17

#### **SHOPPING in FALMOUTH: Wal-Mart, Ames and Shaw's (Lunch on your own)**

Monday, November 22

10:00 am boat/no later than 4:30 pm return

Deadline to register: November 17

### UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS:

#### **ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**

Saturday, December 4

(Check Denise's door for workshops during the week of Nov. 29 to make decorations for tree)

#### **MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Cost is \$18 per ticket

Friday, December 10

**Payment due November 22**

#### Senior Citizens News

The Senior Citizens had their October meeting at the Fifth Maine. This was our last get-together for the season at this favorite spot. Many thanks to the Fifth Mainers for making us so welcome.

Tom Quigg led a discussion about the need for a Senior Center, a Teenage Center and Senior Housing. This is of great interest to us but decisions so far are out of our hands.

Our November Pot Luck Luncheon will be on the 8th at the Brackett Memorial Church Friendship Hall where we will start our fall and winter get togethers. Hope to see you there.